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SUBJECT: VISIT OF FRG UNDERSECRETARY OF HEALTH, PROF.

DR. WOLTERS

REF: STATE 220702

1. SUMMARY: PROF. WOLTERS DELIGHTED TO LEARN OF INVITATION TO VISIT US FROM HEW ASSISTANT SECRETARY EDWARDS. WOLTERS PLANS ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON MONDAY, NOV. 26, AS SUGGESTED, BUT MUST RETURN TO FRG FOR MEETING WITH PARLIAMENT ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 3. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY SCIENCE ATTACHE CALLED ON PROF. DR. HANS GEORG WOLTERS, FRG UNDER SECRETARY OF HEALTH, FAMILY AND YOUTH AFFAIRS, TO INFORM HIM THAT HEW ASSISTANT SEC. EDWARDS WAS SENDING FORMAL LETTER OF INVITATION TO VISIT US. SCI ATT ALSO REVIEWED REFTEL. WOLTERS WAS DELIGHTED AND WILL PLAN TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON MONDAY, NOV. 26, POSSIBLY AFTER SPENDING SUNDAY IN N.Y. CITY. HE ANTICIPATES VISIT WITH PLEASURE BUT REGRETS THAT HE WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE ABLE TO REMAIN UNTIL DEC. 6, AS MENTIONED IN BONN 15900. MUST RETURN TO FRG FOR PARLIAMENTARY SESSION ON ABORTION LAW WHICH SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, DEC. 3.

3. WOLTERS WOULD BE PLEASED TO SPEAK AT SMALL HEW SEMINAR ABOUT "PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF MISUSE OF NARCOTICS

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AND DANGEROUS DRUGS IN FRG."

4. IN VIEW VERY LIMITED TIME, WOLTERS WILL NOT RPT NOT PLAN INCLUDE SIGHTSEEING NOR TRAVEL VERY FAR OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA.

5. FRG HEALTH MINISTRY WILL INFORM FRG EMBASSY WASHINGTON ABOUT EDWARDS' INVITATION TO WOLTERS. THEY ASSUME GERMAN EMBASSY WILL HANDLE ALL ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS AND ASSIST IN ARRANGING APPROPRIATE SCHEDULE. SCIATT SUGGESTS DEPT. OR HEW ALERT PROF. GOTTSTEIN, FRG SCIENCE COUNSELOR.

6. WOLTERS' INTERESTS ARE THOSE OUTLINED PARA 5, BONN 15229. SPECIFICALLY: ORGANIZATION OF HOSPITALS AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO PRACTICING PHYSICIANS, CONTRASTS (IF ANY) BETWEEN VA AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS, FED. VS. STATE ROLES IN HEALTH CARE DELIVERY, HEALTH INSURANCE SYSTEMS, AND TECHNIQUES FOR COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF MEDICAL SERVICES. WOLTERS DEFERS TO US SUGGESTIONS FOR APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS WHICH COULD INCLUDE CONTACTS WITH FED, STATE, CONGRESSIONAL AND AMA REPRESENTATIVES.

7. WOLTERS ALSO INTERESTED IN DISCUSSIONS OF LEGISLATION ON FOOD AND FOR CONTROL OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, PARTICULARLY THE LATTER. IN HIS VIEW, REGISTRATION OF NEW PRODUCTS REQUIRES TOO MUCH TIME IN FRG. HE EXPLAINED THAT FRG IS CONSIDERING NEW LAWS IN THIS AREA AND THAT MEMBERS OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES WERE CONSIDERING RECIPROCAL RECOGNITION OF EACH OTHERS' PHARMACEUTICALS. HE WOULD WISH TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH APPROPRIATE USG OFFICIALS. SCIATT RECALLED US DESIRE TO BENEFIT FROM FOREIGN CLINICAL R&D (SEE STATE A-8112) AND SUGGESTED US MIGHT ALSO WISH TO RAISE THIS TOPIC WITH HIM.

8. WOLTERS MENTIONED IMPENDING VISIT BY FRG PARLIAMENTARY HEALTH COMMITTEE (NOVEMBER 11 TO NOVEMBER 18, SEE BONN USDA TOFAS 276) WHICH WILL COVER SOME OF SAME TOPICS IN WHICH HE IS INTERESTED, WHICH BEING ARRANGED BY GERMAN AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON AND FDA OFFICIALS.

9. ACTION REQUESTED: WOLTERS WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ABOUT SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF SMALL HEW SEMINAR AND ANY SUGGESTIONS ABOUT THEMES OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO PARTICIPANTS.
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